

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-62 are pending in the captioned application. The Examiner has required a restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group 1, namely claims 1-56, drawn to a method of sequencing nucleic acids. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected group.

Applicants believe that they have completely responded to the requirement by providing (i) an election of the species or invention to be examined, and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

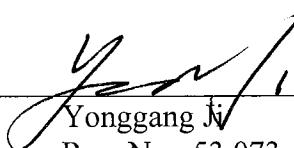
Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in allowable form and earnestly solicit the allowance of claims 1-56.

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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

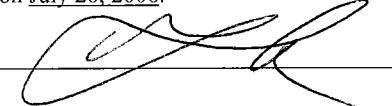
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